(d) and (e) The Central Government's contribution in respect of Annual Action 2005-06 has been released fully to the State Government.

Proposal from National Disaster Management Unit of Bhopal

†927. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received a proposal from the Natural Disaster Management Unit functioning at Disaster Management Institute, Bhopal seeking recognition as a centre of excellence and setting up of a remote sensing unit;

(b) if so, the date on which the proposal was received and the estimated cost of the project;

(c) the present status of the proposal and the reasons for the pendancy of the proposal; and

(d) the likely date of according approval to the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (d) Proposals were received in the month of July, 2004 for amount of Rs. 30.00 lakh in this Ministry from the Government of Madhya Pradesh for creation of a faculty of Natural Disaster Management in the Disaster Management Institute (DMI), Bhopal and for strengthening of the said faculty and designating the Institute as a "Centre of Excellence" for mitigation and management of Earthquake disasters (including Remote Sensing Cell). In August, 2004 the amount of Central assistance for the faculty was enhanced to cover the expenditure on strengthening of the faculty. In September, 2005, DMI, Bhopal was also designated by the Ministry of Home Affairs as the Regional. Training Centre for imparting training in Incident Command System and additional assistance is being extended to it for discharging this responsibility.

Funds to Maharashtra under MPF after Mumbai attack

928. SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Maharashtra State has sought additional assistance for the modernization of police after 26/11 Mumbai attack; and

(b) if so, the details of amount sought and sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A proposal has been received from Government of Maharashtra in the Ministry of Home Affairs seeking financial assistance from Central Government for purchase of arms for equipping special forces of the State and also for meeting the requirement of equipment and weapons for a commando force proposed to be set up by the State Government. The proposal of the State Government is under examination.

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